

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MACOSH)

OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:

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OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITY:

To obtain advice for the Assistant Secretary for Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (Assistant Secretary) from a broad range of representatives from the maritime industry on all matters relevant to the safety and health of workers in the maritime sector. The Assistant Secretary may seek the advice of this Committee on activities in the maritime industry related to the priorities set by the agency, including: strong, fair and effective enforcement; expanded compliance assistance; guidance and outreach; expanded partnerships and voluntary programs; leadership in the national dialogue on occupational safety and health; and regulatory matters affecting the maritime industry, as appropriate. This charter re-establishes the Maritime Advisory Committee for Occupational Safety and Health in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), (5 U.S.C., App.2).

PERIOD OF TIME NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT PURPOSE:

Two years.

AGENCY OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor

DESCRIPTION OF COMMITTEE DUTIES:

The maritime industry has historically experienced a high incidence of work-related fatalities, injuries, and illnesses in its workforce. The types of work vary widely, ranging from manufacturing type work in some shipyards to transportation type work in longshoring operations.

OSHA has selected this industry for special attention because of the injury and illness rates and the specialized nature of some of the work. OSHA may seek advice from the committee on a variety of subjects, which may include development of guidance and outreach materials tailored to individual sectors of the industry, rulemaking to update regulatory requirements, and other activities to help focus actions in the industry and reduce work-related death, injuries and illnesses. OSHA may also seek advice in new areas where the agency chooses to pursue or expand its maritime programs and projects to further address specific needs. The advice of the Committee will help the agency in terms of substantive input on conditions in the maritime industry, ideas that could be implemented to reduce maritime injuries and illnesses, and feedback on agency initiatives affecting the maritime industry.

MEMBERSHIP:

The committee will be composed of not more than 15 members, appointed by the Secretary of Labor to create a diverse and balanced committee reflecting the shipyard and longshoring industries, and representing affected interests such as employers, employees, safety and health professional organizations, government organizations with interests or activities related to the maritime industry, academia, and the public. A chairperson will be appointed by the Secretary.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COST IN DOLLARS AND STAFF YEARS:

The estimated annual operating costs of the Committee are:

\$ 15,000	Travel - Federal Staff Members
\$ 8,000	Travel - Federal MACOSH members
\$ 37,000	Non Federal members Travel and Per Diems
<u>\$ 10,000</u>	Other costs (including consulting and court reporting services)
\$ 70,000	TOTAL
Staff-years:	1.8

ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

MACOSH will meet up to three times a year.

COMMITTEE SUPPORT:


Support for this Committee will be provided by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

TERMINATION DATE:

This Charter will expire two years from the date of filing.

DATE OF FILING:

This Charter is filed on the date shown below.

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Elaine L. Chao
Secretary of Labor

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Date